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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA
TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK PRIORITY
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TAGS: ETRN, MARR, RP

SUBJ: STATE/ICEM CHARTER REFUGEE FLT

REF (A) MANILA 10546 (B) JCS 012259Z AUG 75 (C) MANILA 10440

1. REFTELS A AND C BOTH STATE THAT INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR PHILIPPINE OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE MUST BE RECEIVED SEVEN DAYS IN ADVANCE. REFTEL B STATES THAT ICEM HAS ADVISED WORLD AIRWAYS OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN CLEARANCE FOR SUBJECT REFUGEE FLIGHT. DESPITE THIS, THERE HAS BEEN NO COMMUNICATION FROM AIRLINE OR U.S. AUTHORITIES CONVEYING NECESSARY DATA FOR FLIGHT WHICH WAS TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE ON AUGUST 7.

2. IF DEPARTMENT OF BANGKOK HAS NECESSARY INFORMATION, REQUEST IT BE SUPPLIED AT ONCE, ASSUMING AIRCRAFT WILL OVERFLY OR LAND IN PHILIPPINES. IF AIRCRAFT WILL NOT OVERFLY PHILIPPINES, PLEASE ADVISE, ALSO.

RECOGNIZE THAT WITH AUGUST 7 FLIGHT NOT POSSIBLE, NEW DATE FOR FLIGHT MAY NOT YET BE FIRM, BUT EMBASSY CAN REQUEST CLEARANCE FOR DATE 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE AND SUBSEQUENTLY AMEND CLEARANCE TO A LATER DATE IF NECESSARY.

3. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THIS FLIGHT SEEMS TO BE SHAPING UP MUCH LIKE A RECENT UNITED AIR LINES CHARTER FROM BANGKOK.
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UAL PILOT, UNWILLING TO DELAY SEVEN DAYS FOR CLEARANCE,

ATTEMPTED TO OVERFLY PHILIPPINES BY POSING AS MAC CHARTER.
WHILE HE SUCCEEDED ENROUTE TO BANGKOK, HE GOT CAUGHT ON WAY
BACK, WAS REQUIRED TO LAND MANILA, AND WAS HELD FOR HALF A
DAY. REQUEST ICEM ADVICE WORLD AIRWAYS AND BANGKOK ADVISE
PILOT THAT CONSEQUENCE OF FAILURE TO OBTAIN CLEARANCE WILL
ALMOST CERTAINLY BE SIMILAR TREATMENT.
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